

Claudia Kessler



„What always inspires me about 3DSE is **the innovative power**, which is not only felt by the customers but also internally, when implementing new ideas.

My role in the advisory board, on the one hand, is the **expertise of space topics** and the network of the space industry, which I contribute. On the other hand - as the only woman on the Advisory Board - I also deal with the **topic of diversity**, as a mentor for the consultants, but also across the board in order to achieve greater diversity in 3DSE in the long term.”

Claudia Kessler is an entrepreneur and visionary. As a qualified aerospace engineer and holder of an MBA, she is one of the few female executives in the industry with more than thirty years of experience in the international space sector.

In April 2017, she founded Astronautin GmbH to ensure the female future of (traditionally “manned”) astronautical space travel. Claudia Kessler has a clear goal: to see the first German woman off into space by 2021. The new female astronaut will become an inspiration to encourage young women to specialize in technology professions.

Claudia Kessler's goal is not only to bring the first German woman into space; above all, her aim is to encourage and strengthen women's positions, in order to help them to the top of society and the working economy. She inspires audiences in empowerment workshops with elements from astronaut training, personal coaching, and inspirational public speaking.

Being one of the few female executives in space, Claudia is constantly working to ensure more participation – because women attract women! She also promotes the international careers of female specialists and managers in the Women in Aerospace Europe (WIA-E) network, which she founded across Europe in 2009. The network today has more than 500 members across 12 European countries. In addition, she is one of the few female members of the Senate of the German Aerospace Society (DGLR) and the International Aeronautical Academy (IAA).

As CEO of HE Space from 2004 to 2018, a personnel service provider specializing in space professionals, Claudia achieved a representation of women of 55% amidst her 200 technical employees. The Family-Friendly certificate, the Diversity Charter, and the Diversity Personality of the Year 2016 awards are just a few examples of the results of her numerous campaigns to foster the roles of women in technical professions, many of whom are also balancing work and family.

She has been a member of the 3DSE Advisory Board since 2017 and, in addition to her excellent industry knowledge and deep expertise, supports the consulting firm as a mentor for female 3DSE consultants in the area of diversity and women empowerment.